



MAN OF THE HOUR is Garden City East's Mike Macias (20) as he goes high to out rebound two players from Inkster. East won twice last week.

Biggest Week for East

"Our best week in the school's history..." That's what back-to-back victories over Garden City West and Inkster meant to Garden City East's prep basketball team.

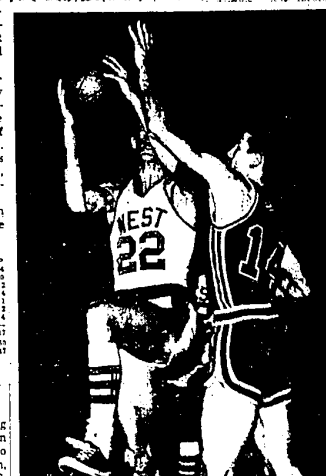
Huber, who made all his points on five baskets and six free throws before the intermission, led the winners while Clark had 13 and Mike Macias 10, along with Charles Sakmar. It was Sakmar with eight points and Macias with six that led the Big East third-period assault.

Bremenour knocked in 18 a losing cause. Against Inkster, East rushed on top, 22-17, in the first quarter—and luckily, too.

A fast start in which East outscored Kennedy, 19-10, helped to settle matters. Gary Robinson pumped in five baskets in the first quarter and two more in the second period while Jim Mincey caged ten in the first half to give West a 38-30 lead at the intermission.

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TIGHT DEFENSE: Bob Gamache of Garden City West (22) finds himself in tight quarters as he tries to score against Kennedy. Gamache was able to get off his shot as his team won.

2nd Half Lapse Fatal to Rocks

Too bad for Plymouth high's basketball team last Friday night's game with Belleville didn't end with the first half.

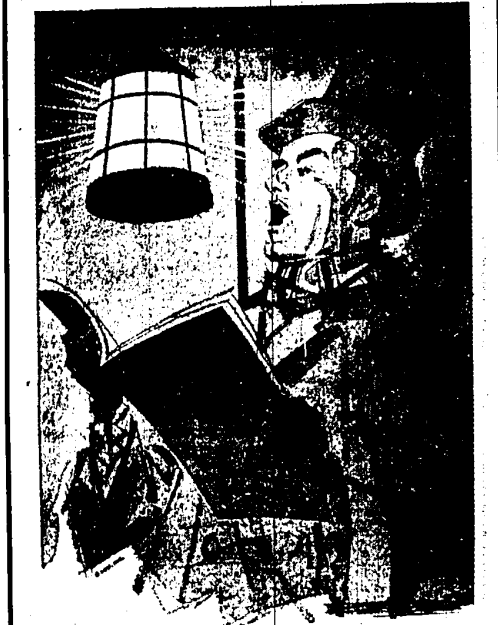
After one quarter Plymouth had led, 19-12, and it was 37-33 for the Rocks at the intermission.

Holiday Meets for Area Preps

For most of the area's high school basketball teams, there'll be only practice during the holiday vacation from school classes.

Bentley Matmen Add to String

Bentley varsity wrestling team extended its unbeaten streak to 4-0 by defeating two league rivals, Redford Union, 31-15 and Allen Park, 51-3.



Greetings

During the 1966 racing season, your loyal support resulted in numerous record-breaking achievements. Thanks to you, our horsemen enjoyed the biggest distribution of purse monies ever, and our State government has received more in racing taxes than ever before.

It was a ding-dong finish, however. After Belleville went ahead, 64-60 with a minute or so to go, John Ellison clicked off for Plymouth to pull his team to within two points of a tie.

Two tournaments will attract four area teams next week. Farmington, Benile and RU will take part in the Northwest Invitational which begins Tuesday at Benile.

Franklin Fights Off N. Farmington's Rally

The nice things about it's going to develop into a sports; is that you never romp frequently turns into a know what's going to happen. A game that starts out like A good example: Last Friday night's Franklin win over North Farmington, 72-68, in a Northwest Suburban League game.

Observing SPORTS

Utilizing a sports column to send along our annual holiday greetings: MERRY CHRISTMAS:

By the end of the first quarter it was Franklin, 16-11. Halftime came with Franklin leading 40-22.

Pistons Will Sponsor Christmas Party

There'll be a special Christmas Night party at Cobo Arena next Monday evening. Highlighting the festivities will be the National Basketball Association battle between the Detroit Pistons and the New York Knicks.

Against the Knicks, hitting 20, 18 and 24 points in the last three games after counting only seven in his debut at Madison Square Garden as a professional.

To every mother in suburbia, who lugs the kids to school, to practice, to church, to the doctor and still finds time to wash sports uniforms and cheer for spunky boys in those Little League encounters—be they football, basketball or baseball.

To start the third period, North Farmington went into a full-court press. With Mark Fuller scoring seven points and Jim Rulapaugh and Roger Schultz six each, the Raiders chopped the Franklin lead to 54-47 by the three-quarter mark.

In addition, numerous youngsters will go home loaded down with extra gifts to be presented by the Pistons.

They have a date with the Chicago Bulls in Chicago Friday night, play the Baltimore Bullets in Baltimore Sunday night, and then meet the revived Cincinnati Royals in Cincinnati Tuesday night before finishing the 1966 part of their schedule against the Philadelphia 76ers at Fort Wayne on Dec. 30.

To the dads who contribute of their time to help youngsters on athletic teams, even though there are times when dad's "instruction" hurts, rather than helps the boys; and to those dads, who manage and coach little league teams and give all the kids a chance to play instead of putting the stress on winning at any cost.

However, the scoring and rebounding of Ron Wicks helped Franklin put in on a stretch drive that finally paid off with the victory.

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To those same parents, who have reached into their pocketbooks to authorize extra mileage so that their area schools can offer the kids the best possible — and this holds true in the academic subjects, as well as athletics.

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To coaches, who put in 14 and 18 hour days; who serve as teachers, as "fathers," as trainers and doctors, and almost anything you can dream of... and, yet, often times are told: "What a soft job you have."

Gulbransen closed the evening as the game's high scorer on 12 baskets and two free throws for 28 points. Wendrick added 17 and Wicks 14 for the victors.

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THE BEST: To all the airline stewardesses we have met during the past year, whether they work for American or United or Northwest or Delta... they always flash that smile even when they're "dead tired" after literally and figuratively walking their way across the country.

Faller was brilliant for the losers. He tossed in 25 points, getting 11 in the second half. Rulapaugh with 13, and Schultz with 10 also hit in double figures for the losers.

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To the men in service, to their heavy-hearted mothers and wives and to the girl friends who try to smile in those touching departure scenes you see at every airport in our land today.

In the victory over Wyandotte, Chick Porter captured the 50 and 100-yard free style, Pat McCord the 200-yard butterfly and Al Reinas the individual medley and 400-yard free style.

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Rocks in Split. Plymouth high's swimming team jumped off to a great start beating Wyandotte, 89-37, but then lost to Allen Park, 66-39, in its Suburban Six League debut under new coach, Dick Greitzinger.